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Practitioner's Docket No. SST/1305

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Alfonso Losada

Application No.: 10/043,669

Group No.: 3679

Filed: 01/11/02

Examiner: Wilson, Neill R

For: Fastener Assembly Having Grooves for Use With a Power Actuated Gun

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all powers of attorney previously given are hereby revoked and

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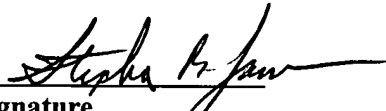
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Attached to this power is a "STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b)."

Date: May 3, 2003

  
Signature  
Simpson Strong-Tie Company, Inc.  
Assignee  
Stephen B. Lamson  
President



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Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b)—Establishing Right of Assignee to Take Action—page 1 of 2

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**IDENTIFICATION OF ASSIGNEE**

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2. Name of assignee: Simpson Strong-Tie Company, Inc.  
Type of assignee: Corporation

**PERSON AUTHORIZED TO SIGN**

3. Name of person authorized to sign on behalf of assignee: Stephen B. Lamson  
Title of person authorized to sign: President

I, the person signing below, state that I am empowered to sign this statement on behalf of the assignee.

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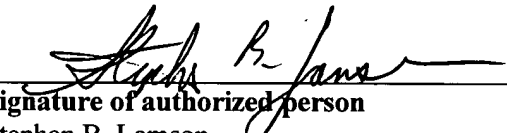
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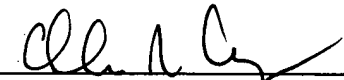
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Signature of authorized person  
Stephen B. Lamson  
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Date: May 10, 2003

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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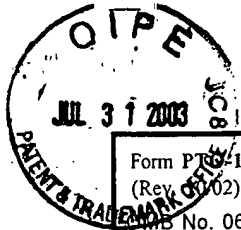
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## A. Patent Application No.(s)

See Attached pages 3 and 4

## B. Patent No.(s)

4,736,923

6,273,316

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Name: Charles R. Cypher

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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, Alfonso Losada, an individual residing at 204 Folino Drive, Bridgeport, Connecticut 06606 ("Losada") owns the entire right, title and interest of every kind in the Intellectual Property Rights (as defined below); and

WHEREAS, Simpson Strong-Tie Company, Inc., a California corporation having a place of business at 4120 Dublin Boulevard, Suite 400, Dublin, California 94568 ("Simpson") desires to obtain the entire right, title and interest of every kind in the Intellectual Property Rights.

NOW THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, Losada hereby sells, conveys, assigns and transfers to Simpson, its successors and assigns all right, title and interest of every kind in the Intellectual Property Rights including obligations and duties thereto.

For purposes of this Assignment, the term "Intellectual Property Rights" means the patents and patent applications described on the Appendix attached hereto, as well as all registrations and pending applications for registration of any of the inventions claimed or disclosed in any of the foregoing in any jurisdiction throughout the world, and all priority rights, extensions, divisions, continuations, continuations-in-part, re-examinations, reissues, substitutions, renewals, applications for improvements or enhancements thereto for inventions made prior to the date hereof, and any and all patents issuing therefrom.

Losada authorizes Simpson, its successors or assigns to record this Assignment with the United States Patent and Trademark Office and with any other U.S. or non-U.S. governmental authority without any further consent or signature from Losada.

Losada hereby authorizes and requests the Commissioner of Patents of the United States to issue any and all patents which may be granted upon any of the said United States patent applications to Simpson.


Dated: March 21, 2003

  
ALFONSO LOSADA

Simpson hereby agrees to the aforementioned assignment and accepts this assignment with all rights and obligations pertaining thereto.

SIMPSON STRONG-TIE COMPANY INC.

Dated: April 3, 2003

By:   
Name: Michael J. Herbert  
Title: Chief Financial Officer

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APPENDIX TO ASSIGNMENT

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PATENTS ISSUED TO ALFONSO LOSADA (INVENTOR)

| Type/<br>Country | Patent No. | Serial<br>No. | Filing Date   | Issue Date    | Priority<br>Doc.       | Title of Invention   |
|------------------|------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------------------|--|
| US               | 4,736,923  | 912,838       | Sep. 29, 1986 | Apr. 12, 1988 |                        | Fastener Assembly  |
| US               | 6,273,316  | 09/403,109    | Oct. 14, 1999 | Aug. 14, 2001 |                        | Fastener Feeding System for Power Actuated Gun   |
| US               | 6,481,611  | 09/875,488    | Jun. 6, 2001  | Nov. 19, 2002 |                        | Fastener Feeding System for Power Actuated Gun   |
| Australia        | 743 441    | 71,458        | Apr. 15, 1998 |               |                        | Fastener Feeding System for Power Actuated Gun   |
| US               | 4,703,883  | 797,046       | Nov. 12, 1985 | Nov. 3, 1987  |                        | Fastener Assembly  |
| US               | 5,110,247  | 694,934       | May 2, 1991   | May 5, 1992   |                        | Fastener Assembly with Retaining Fingers for use with a Power Actuated Gun               |
| US               | 5,178,503  | 840,042       | Feb. 24, 1992 | Jan. 12, 1993 | US appl. 694,934 (CIP) | Fastener Assembly having Flat Surface for Stabilizing the Barrel of a Power Actuated Gun |
| US               | 5,417,534  | 48,493        | Apr. 16, 1993 | May 23, 1995  |                        | Fastener Assembly for use with Power Actuated Gun  |
| US               | 5,525,018  | 393,866       | Feb. 24, 1995 | Jun. 11, 1996 | US appl. 48,493        | Fastener Assembly for use with Power Actuated Gun  |
| US               | 5,634,756  | 610,278       | Mar. 4, 1996  | June 3, 1997  | US appl. 48,493        | Fastener Assembly for use with Power Actuated Gun  |
| US               | 5,788,444  | 801,167       | Feb. 18, 1997 | Aug. 4, 1998  | US appl. 48,493 (CIP)  | Fastener Assembly for use with a Power Actuated Gun                                      |
| US               | 5,897,082  | 08/889,373    | Jul. 8, 1997  | Apr. 27, 1999 |                        | Power Actuated Fastener for Pipe   |

PATENT APPLICATIONS OF ALFONSO LOSADA (INVENTOR)

| Type/<br>Country          | Publ. No.        | Serial No.     | Filing Date      | Title of Invention  |
|---------------------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|---|
| US                        |                  | 60/046,826     | Apr. 24, 1997    | Fastener Feeding System for Power Actuated Gun                      |
| Patent Cooperation Treaty | WO9847668A1      | PCT/US98/08060 | Apr. 15, 1998    | Fastener Feeding System for Power Actuated Gun                      |
| European Community        | EP1011929A1      | 918,554        | Apr. 15, 1998    | Fastener Feeding System for Power Actuated Gun                      |
| US                        | US2001/0000404A1 | 09/729,389     | Dec. 4, 2000     | Power Actuated Fastener System                                      |
| US                        |                  | 10/043,669     | January 11, 2002 | Fastener Assembly Having Grooves for use with a Power Actuated Gun  |
| US                        |                  | 60/419,768     | October 18, 2002 | Power Actuated Gun with Automatic Firing                            |
| US                        |                  | 60/423,826     | November 5, 2002 | Power Actuated Gun with Fastener Feeding Track and Automatic Firing |
| Patent Cooperation Treaty |                  | PCT/US03/00388 | January 8, 2003  | Fastener Assembly Having Grooves with a Power Actuated Gun          |

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STATE OF Connecticut )

COUNTY OF New Haven )

On March 21, 2003, before me,  
Howard C. Echeurde, Notary Public,  
personally appeared Alfonso Losada

☒ personally known to me – OR – ☐ proved to me  
on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the  
person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the  
within instrument and acknowledged to me that  
he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their  
authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their  
signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the  
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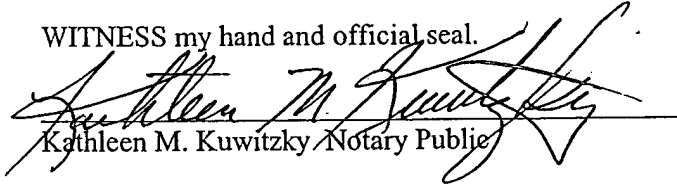
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On April 11, 2003 before me, Kathleen M. Kuwitzky, a Notary Public, personally appeared Michael J. Herbert personally known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to in the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same in his authorized capacity, and that by his signature on the instrument, the entity upon behalf of which he acted, executed the instrument.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

  
Kathleen M. Kuwitzky Notary Public

